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COMMENT OF THE DAY

New Danger

THE Premier of Laos has declared that the military situation created by the latest Vietnamese offensive is "serious but not critical," and American officials in Washington are quoted as being of the opinion that there is a tendency to attach too much importance to Ho Chi-minh's drive in the north. They may be right in their assessment of the military significance of the offensive, but none can dispute the importance of its political implications. It may be taken for granted that Ho Chi-minh has considerable influence in his mind other than obtaining a stronger bargaining position in the event of an armistice consequent on military successes. The political future of the State of Laos is manifestly at stake, and if the Vietnamese do succeed in cutting off Laos from the rest of Indo-China, Thailand will be given cause for a feeling of apprehension. One design behind the current rebel drive may well be to link geographically Northern Laos with the so-called Autonomous Thai Federation which the Peking Government created for the purpose of attempting to unite the Thai-speaking people of Burma, Thailand and Laos. If this could be achieved it is conceivable that the Autonomous Thai Federation would move its present headquarters in Yunnan to Northern Laos, thereby establishing a direct political link with Ho Chi-minh and his associates. Ho today is claiming that the troops taking part in the offensive against the French Union forces are Laotians—obviously a propagandist attempt to persuade the outside world that the drive is a spontaneous domestic uprising. The Vietnamese forces may well include a sprinkling of Laotian dissidents, but the nature of equipment which the rebels are using in their current offensive and their extreme mobility clearly indicates that they are campaigning veterans and troops thoroughly versed in the arts and devices of modern ground warfare. No matter how reassuring officials may endeavour to be, the situation created by the rebel drive is serious, almost grave. None can say whether Ho Chi-minh has limited military objectives, but if he can consolidate his successes to date, he will have achieved significant political gains.

Arrests Follow Railway Disaster

Time-Bomb Plot To Obtain \$208,000 Insurance

Mexico City, Dec. 28. A singer, Pacho Sierra, was sentenced to eight years in prison today as the mastermind of a plot to collect US\$208,000 insurance by time-bombing an airliner. Emilio Arciniegas Scheitge, an ex-convict, was sentenced as an accomplice. Sierra, 42, a well-known burlesque artist, is the husband of Esperanza Iria, Latin America's top musical-comedy star. The prosecution charged that Scheitge planned the bomb in a Mexican Aviation Company DC-3 airliner on September 24, 1952, after taking out life insurance on seven of the 20 passengers for \$208,000. The bomb ripped a seven-foot hole in the cargo compartment, but the pilot, Carlos Rodriguez, landed the plane safely. No one on board was injured.—United Press.

Mau Mau Issue New Year's Day Threat

Nairobi, Dec. 28. Mau Mau terrorists have threatened a raid in the Nairobi area on New Year's Day. The threat was contained in typewritten letters purporting to be signed by four Mau Mau "generals" which were found in Kijabe trading centre, 60 miles from Nairobi, after a raid by 100 terrorists there on Christmas night.

The letters also said the Mau Mau had five well-trained and fully-armed "battalions" in the Mount Elgon area on the border of Uganda. These new "sons of the kikuyu" needed provisions and money, the letters said. Christmas night's raid at Kijabe followed closely on the Christmas Eve battle north of Nairobi between a trapped Mau Mau gang and troops and police in which Earl Weyell, 37-year-old Major in the First Battalion of the Black Watch Regiment, was killed. The tolling of a mission bell three miles away probably saved the lives of the six Asians at the Kijabe trading centre. Warning peals cut short the desperate attack by an estimated 100 Mau Mau gangsters against a row of shops and sent police patrols rushing to the scene. The raiders swooped on the village from thick forests ten miles away and began firing sten guns, rifles and pistols. Some of the terrorists wore police uniforms and peaked caps with metal crowns as badges. Two Indian shops became a shambles with damage estimated at nearly £3,000. One shopkeeper telephoned a police post at a nearby mission, and then the warning peal of the mission bells cut the raid short. The attack followed the arrest of 23 Mau Mau suspects who had been detained in a screening camp near the village until Christmas morning, when they were transferred to

Naiyasha, about 20 miles north of Kijabe. Last week, 53 Mau Mau terrorists were killed and 40 were taken prisoner. Ten members of the security forces were killed, including two Europeans, and 28 injured. Fifteen loyal Africans were also killed and six injured.—Reuter.

Attempt To Enlarge PO Strike

Paris, Dec. 28. The trade unions responsible for the strike of key post office workers which disorganised France's Christmas mail, tonight sought to bring out all post office workers. They called on "post office workers in all services to intensify their actions to the maximum and multiply work stoppages everywhere" in support of wage and bonus claims. The Communist-led Independent unions also called a general meeting of post office workers for Tuesday afternoon. The Catholic and Force Ouvriere (anti-Communist) unions are not striking. Earlier today, the key postal workers at Paris railway stations who have been out for six days decided to carry on their stoppage indefinitely. Meanwhile air security men went back to work today after a nine-day stoppage. French airports are open to traffic again, and international airlines whose services have been crippled since December 10, are rapidly restoring normal services. The airport control and communications workers decided to call off their strike after receiving temporary increases of 3,000 to 4,000 francs (£3 to £7) pending further negotiations.—Reuter.

CZECH GOVERNMENT'S ACTION

Vienna, Dec. 28. Prague Radio said tonight that "a number of arrests" had been made following the Christmas Eve train smash at Sakvice, Czechoslovakia, in which 103 people were killed.

The Czech Ministry of the Interior said the accident was caused by "serious negligence" on the part of railway workers, the Radio stated.

An official announcement at the time of the crash said an express from Prague to Bratislava ran into a passenger train at Sakvice station.

No casualty details were then given apart from a statement that there was "considerable loss of life."

High Government officials, including the Deputy Ministers of Transport and the Interior, went to the scene of the disaster on Christmas Eve.

Today's announcement said: "With deep sorrow, the Government received the news of the railway disaster which occurred to an express train on Thursday between Brno and Brslau with the loss of 103 lives. Eighty-three people were injured, some of them seriously."

"In the crash, a number of railway carriages were destroyed and the locomotive was damaged."

"Employees of the Ministry of the Interior and members of the armed forces, the medical services and the public took part in the rescue operations."

"All the injured received immediate first aid."

"The bodies of all the victims were sent to their homes and the Government has ordered the local national councils to provide for the funerals."

"Preliminary inquiries have shown that the accident was caused through very serious negligence on the part of some railway employees."

"Inquiries are still continuing. The railway track was cleared by the evening of the same day."

The Interior Ministry announcement added that special pensions and allowances would be paid to the relatives of the dead and injured.—Reuter.

Rescuers Nearly Cheated By Gale

New York, Dec. 28. The 43 crew members of the broken Swedish freighter Oklahoma escaped almost certain death when a furious gale blew up in the North Atlantic shortly after the last survivor was picked up from a life boat, it was disclosed today.

The Military Sea Transportation Service received a radio message from the skipper of one of the rescue vessels which said: "We were fortunate in reaching the survivors as a full gale blew up six hours after the last survivor was safely on board."

Captain J. Larson told how the sinking vessel was located by the teamwork of the US naval ship Blue Jacket, which he commands, and a British vessel, the Elaria.

Captain Larson commended two of his officers for locating the Oklahoma by means of radio "triangulation" at a time when the ship's radar was not workable because of heavy seas.

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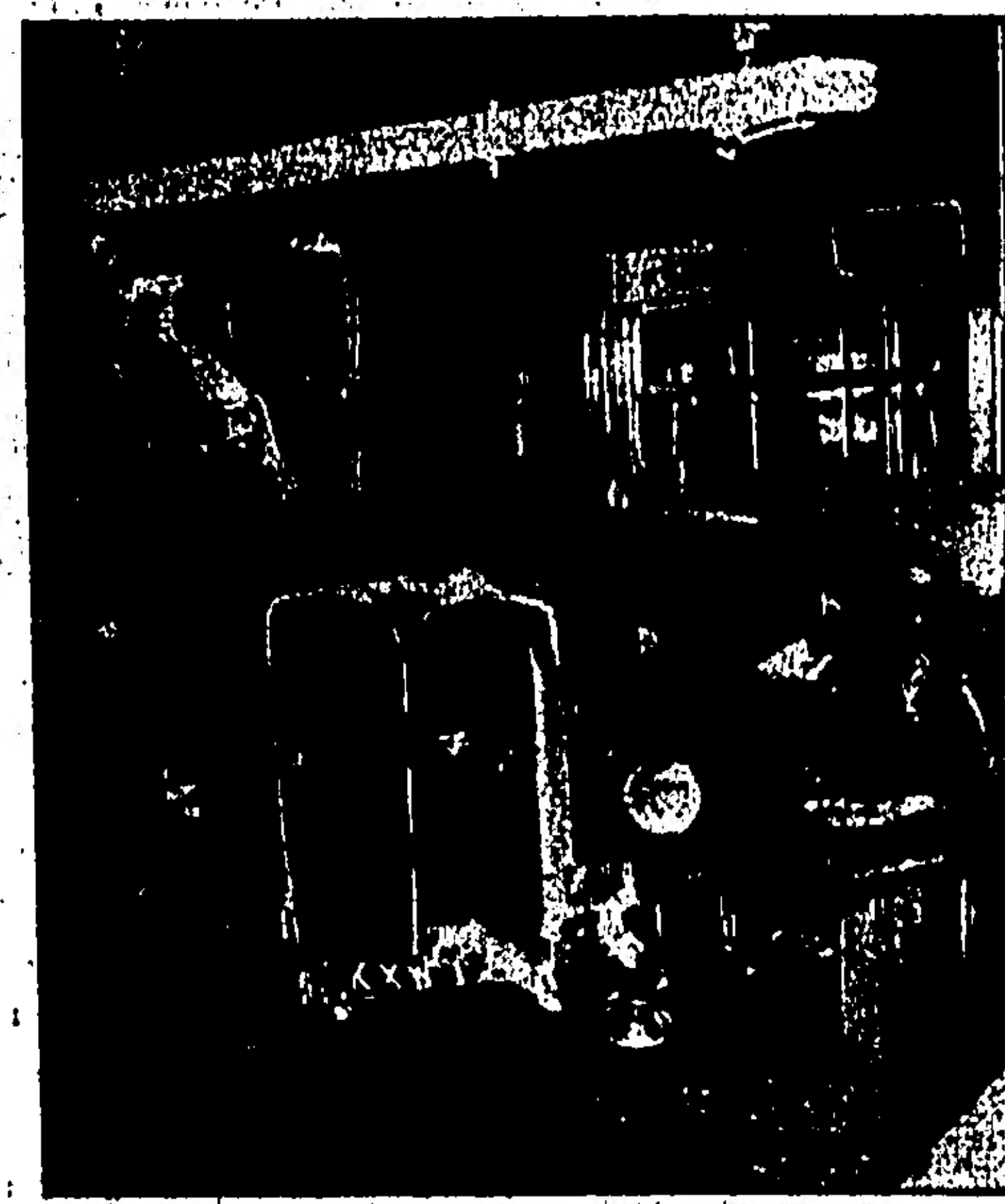
The Blue Jacket's message explained how the "triangulation" worked. The rescue vessel, which knew its own position, radioed the nearby Elaria and asked its position.

Using the two fixed locations as points on a chart, the Blue Jacket's officers then drew lines from the points corresponding to the directions from which the Oklahoma's distress signals were reaching the two ships. The intersection of these two lines represented the Oklahoma's "fix"—its position.

The Blue Jacket and the Finnish freighter Orlova, which also participated in the rescue, were ploughing through heavy seas en route to Scandinavia with the survivors.

The Oklahoma's entire crew, including one woman, was rescued by the two vessels 800 miles northeast of Argentina. Newfoundland. The 8,914-ton vessel broke in two late Saturday.—United Press.

Fatal Bus Accident



At Hyde Park Corner, London, recently a bus crashed into a bus shelter. Two people were killed and many hurt. The shelter collapsed and fell on people waiting there as the bus ploughed through it. This picture, taken after the accident, shows the wrecked front of the bus.—London Express photo.

Disastrous Forest Fires

Los Angeles, Dec. 28. Two major forest fires, fanned by 80-mph winds, raged out of control over 12,000 acres in Los Angeles National Forest today. A heavy cloud of smoke hung over the area.

The fires caused the evacuation of more than 2,000 persons from their homes and destroyed 150 dwellings, chiefly summer homes.

The winds swept ashes many miles ahead of the flames, showering nearby Pasadena, Altadena, San Marino and some parts of Los Angeles, more than 20 miles from the nearest fire.

More than 1,000 men and hundreds of pieces of equipment were thrown into the fight against the flames. The larger of the two separate fires was that above Monrovia in the San Gabriel range of mountains. That fire was near the town of Sierra Madre, nestling in the foothills above Pasadena.

NARROW ESCAPE

The flames crept to within a few hundred yards of a heavily-populated area in Sierra Madre Canyon.

The other fire was about 15 miles away in the Mount Baldy region, north of Claremont, and Pomona; citrus communities near the San Bernardino County line.

The wind also blew down power lines to the city of Upland and the flames swept through heavy timber in the San Dimas experimental forest.

The Mount Wilson Observatory was within a mile of the fire line. Millions of dollars' worth of scientific equipment, as well as the observatory's 100-inch telescope, are housed in the metal dome, a famous landmark.—United Press.

Joliffe Sentenced

Manila, Dec. 29. William Ernest Joliffe, 37, China-born Canadian citizen, was today sentenced to one year imprisonment and a US\$1,000 fine for attempting to smuggle 15 kilos of gold bullion out of the Philippines on December 7.

Immediately after the sentence was meted out by Judge Glenvenide Tan of the First Court of First Instance in Manila, Joliffe filed an appeal and was immediately released on a US\$1,000 bail and allowed to go back to Hongkong pending his appeal.

The gold, worth slightly less than US\$18,000, was discovered tied round Joliffe's waist by customs agents as he prepared to board a plane for Hongkong. Joliffe was former commercial secretary of the Canadian embassy in Shanghai, and was later Canadian Trade Commissioner in Hongkong till 1948, when he resigned. He took up residence in Hongkong where his business is located.

During the trial, Joliffe claimed that the gold bullion represented the payment of a debt by a Manila Chinese businessman, who "ill now could not be located."

Contacted by an AFP reporter immediately after the sentence, Joliffe said he would avail himself of the authorization of Judge Tan allowing him to return to Hongkong pending his appeal.

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Fire Victims Relief Fund

The total amount of donations to the S.C.M. Post, Ltd., Shumshulpo Fire Victims Relief Fund rose to \$109,685 this morning, an additional \$30,000 to the overnight total. Donors sending contributions by cheque are reminded that these should be crossed and made out to "The Shumshulpo Fire Victims Relief Fund."

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Melbourne, Dec. 29. Tony Trabert and Vic Seixas, representing the United States, won the first two sets against the Australians, Lewis Hoad and Rex Hartwig, by 6-2, 6-4 in the doubles of the Davis Cup Challenge Round today. Hartwig was selected at the last moment to replace Ken Rosewall, who lost his singles yesterday against Tony Trabert.—Reuter.

GOVT BANS DELEGATES

London, Dec. 28. The British Government today banned the entry of all foreign delegates to a teachers' conference for peace which opens here on Tuesday.

Four have already been turned back—two from West Germany and two from France.

Invitations to the conference were sent to individuals and organisations all over the world, including Russia, China and several countries behind the Iron Curtain.

A Home Office spokesman refused to say why delegates would not be allowed to enter the country.

"We never do in cases of this kind," he added.

The ban drew protests from the conference organisers and a spokesman denied it was Communist inspired.

"We are not affiliated to any political party although we are not afraid to work with any people or organisations which we believe have the same aims as ourselves," he said.—Reuter.

Luck Made Him A Generous Santa Claus

Santiago, Dec. 28. Spanish-born Pablo Martinez-Laya was hailed today as Chile's "not this world's" biggest Santa Claus after he gave his relatives and friends Christmas presents worth \$700,000 while getting a \$500,000 present himself.

Martinez-Laya came to Santiago from Coahuila, where he is in the shoe business, to buy his Christmas presents and had the idea that to buy a whole Christmas lottery ticket for \$70 and divide it among his family and friends would be a quick and inexpensive way of doing his shopping.

The ticket with first prize of \$1,000,000, Martinez-Laya's brother and business partner, Jose, received sixteenth prize of \$300,000. Two daughters got \$80,000 each; a cousin, had \$150,000 and a friend another \$150,000. Martinez-Laya received sixteenth prize of the \$1,000,000, Martinez-Laya's brother and business partner, Jose, received sixteenth prize of \$300,000. Two daughters got \$80,000 each; a cousin, had \$150,000 and a friend another \$150,000. Martinez-Laya received sixteenth prize of the \$1,000,000.—United Press.

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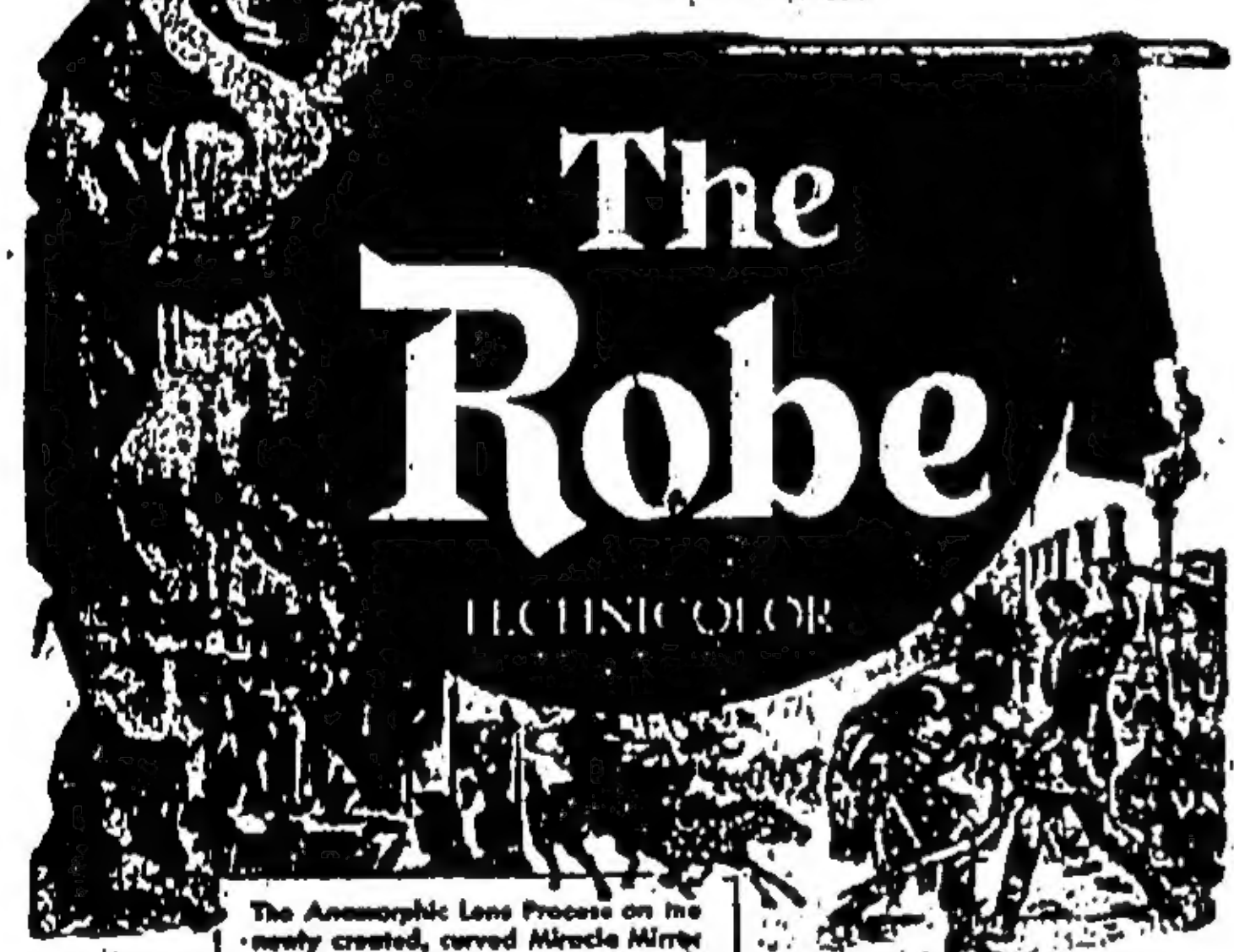
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CZECHOSLOVAKIA BEING GROOMED FOR INTEGRATION WITH USSR

Vienna, Dec. 28.

Reports reaching here indicate that Czechoslovakia is being groomed, politically and economically, for eventual incorporation in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

Already, the Czechoslovak Constitution has been remodelled on Soviet lines, and the Czechoslovak Communist Party has new statutes almost identical with those of the Russian party.

The army has senior Soviet officers in charge of its training and organisation, and wears the same type of uniform, uses the same weapons, drill and even words of command as the Red Army.

The schools are using more and more translations of Soviet text books. More and more Soviet films, in their original language with Czech or Slovak subtitles, are being shown.

Now, the co-ordination of the economic life of the country with that of the Soviet Union is being speeded up.

The indications are that the date set for the completion of the process is 1956. For, although Czechoslovakia's current 5-year plan ends on December 31, 1953, there is to be no new 5-year

plan until 1956, the year when the Soviet Union's next 5-year plan is due to start.

How closely Czechoslovakia is already linked with the Soviet Union is shown by foreign trade figures.

While Czechoslovak imports from the Soviet Union were not more than 8.8 per cent of her total imports in 1947, they had already reached 30.4 per cent in 1952. Similarly, Czechoslovakia's exports to the Soviet Union increased from 4.9 per cent in 1947 to 31 per cent in 1952.

TRADE WITH U.S.S.R.

Before the war, Czechoslovak trade was mainly with the West. Today, the Soviet Union and the other People's Democracies account for over 70 per cent of Czechoslovakia's foreign trade.

On Soviet orders, a great part of Czechoslovakia's industry was set to produce heavy metal goods for Russian use. This led to the rapid development of Czechoslovak heavy industries at the expense of her light industries and agriculture.

Now, measures have had to be taken to lessen the pressure on the hated "kulaks" (independent farmers) in order to encourage them to produce more food. For Czechoslovakia has had to import huge quantities of grain from the Soviet Union, thus binding her economically still more closely to her great neighbour in the East.

Dr Jaroslav Dolansky, first deputy Prime Minister and Chief of Planning in Czechoslovakia, said recently that the Czechoslovakians would like to be able to buy their foodstuffs from the West and to renew some of their trade relations with the Western powers.

Unfortunately, he added, owing to the coal shortage in Czechoslovakia which was limiting production, they were unable to fulfil many of their trade obligations.

CUT OFF FROM WEST

All reports reaching here indicate that the truth is, although Mr Dolansky did not mention it, that the concentration on the heavy industries has left the production of consumer goods formerly Czechoslovakia's chief articles of trade, inadequate even for home consumption.

Further, since Soviet Russia takes all Czechoslovakia's heavy industrial products and clamours for more, none of these are available for export to the West.

As to coal, which used also to be an important export of the West, production has fallen so low that it is now 1,000,000 tons below the target set in the 5-year plan.

Thus, whether she likes it or not, Czechoslovakia is forced to continue to increase her economic bonds with her Eastern neighbour and to remain cut off from her former trading partners in the West.

The co-ordination of Czechoslovakia's economic life with that of the Soviet Union has been carried a step further, too, by the appointment of Soviet "advisers" to many Czechoslovak industries.

Czech brewers, for centuries world famous for their beer, were sent to learn brewing in the Soviet Union. Similarly, a certain Mr K. M. Sudakov from Russia was detailed as an adviser to the Czechoslovak beet sugar industry.

EVEN ACCOUNTS

The same thing is happening throughout the Czechoslovak economy.

The factories once famous throughout the world for their high class products now have to produce according to Soviet methods. Czech mines use Soviet machines. Books have to be kept according to Soviet accounting systems.

Another important measure for the co-ordination of the two economies is the reduction of the formerly very high standard

of living of the Czechoslovak workers.

There is to be eventual unification of the two economies, and because it is impossible so quickly to bring the standard of living of the workers in the Soviet Union up to the pre-war standard of Czechoslovak workers, the only solution is to reduce that of the latter.

This has been done by means of a currency reform, which took away all the workers' savings, and price manipulations which have left the comparative cost of most goods two to three times as high as they were before the reform.

Finally, in preparation for speeding up the physical union of the two economies, the Czechoslovak railway system, which was formerly wholly directed towards the West, has been changed.

Many railway lines leading to the West have been taken up or abandoned. New lines have been, and are being, built by "Friendship Brigades" towards the East. The new line from Prague via Kascchau to the Soviet frontier, for example, will be completed shortly.—China Mail Special.

U.S. To Increase Broadcasts In Far East

Washington, Dec. 28.

The United States Information Agency plans to intensify its operations in South-East Asia by increasing broadcasts, pamphlets and posters, it was announced today.

Mr Theodore Streibert, Director of the Agency, said Voice of America broadcasts from American relay stations in Okinawa and Manila would be increased to 12 hours daily, with a substantial increase in the number of American pamphlets, posters and book translations.

Mr Streibert, who returned last week from a month's tour of the Information Agency's major Far East outposts in Japan, Indo-China, Korea, Hongkong and the Philippines, said that to step up activities in South-East Asia it would be necessary to cut back operations in other Far East countries.

Voice of America broadcasts were now telling Far East listeners that the Indo-Chinese Communist invasion of the Kingdom of Laos clearly exposed Communist desires to control neighbouring countries, Mr Streibert said.

The Communist attack, which had cut Indo-China in two, showed the duplicity behind recent Vietnam Communist peace feelers, broadcast commentators said. The sudden invasion of Laos was another example of unprovoked Communist aggression.

Mr Streibert said that as a result of conferences in Formosa, the Information Agency would work closely with the Chinese Nationalist Government to try to build up additional support for Chiang Kai-shek's Government among Chinese populations in other Far East countries.—Reuter.

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Melbourne, Dec. 28.
Music lovers will, within the next few years, hear symphonies created from the sounds of car engines and human voices, Australian conductor Sir Bernard Heinze said today.

Sir Bernard Heinze, returning after a 12-month trip abroad, said technicians overseas had created an unlimited field of sound by recording movements in everyday life.

The technicians formed this music—named "concrete music" by scientists in Europe and the United States—by lengthening, filtering, editing and rearranging the sounds.—Reuter.

More Men Than Women In Rural Norway

Oslo, Dec. 28.

Men outnumber women in the rural northern districts of Norway but women outnumber men in the towns, statistics issued here showed.

Of 130 open northern areas, only nine had surplus women residents, while only three towns boasted more men than women.

These are Hammerfest, Norway's most northerly town, Vadsø in the Northeast and Horten, a southern naval base.—Reuter.

S. African Gold Sales Up

Capetown, Dec. 28.

The Standard Bank of South Africa, in its December report on trading conditions in the Union, states that employment in engineering and metal industries is steady but tendering for new contracts remains keenly competitive.

The Union's sales of minerals, excluding gold and diamonds in January to September were SA£386.6 million compared with SA£236 million in the same months of 1952.

Detail returns show that principal increases in these periods were in coal, of SA£10.7 million to SA£12.3 million, manganese ore, SA£2.5 million to SA£3.3 million, and chrome ore SA£1.3 million to SA£2.1 million with smaller improvements for iron ore, tin and minerals not individually specified but including platinum.

Returns also reflected market declines for copper and all types of asbestos.

Railway earnings from November 1 to December 5 were SA£11,078,803 compared with SA£10,247,079 in the corresponding period last year.

U.S. BASES IN SPAIN

Madrid, Dec. 28.

Rear-Admiral Harold W. Johnson, chief engineering officer of the Fifth Naval District, Virginia, arrived here by plane tonight to set in motion the work of fitting out American bases in Spain.

The Spanish Government granted air and naval bases to the United States under an agreement signed here last September.—France-Press.

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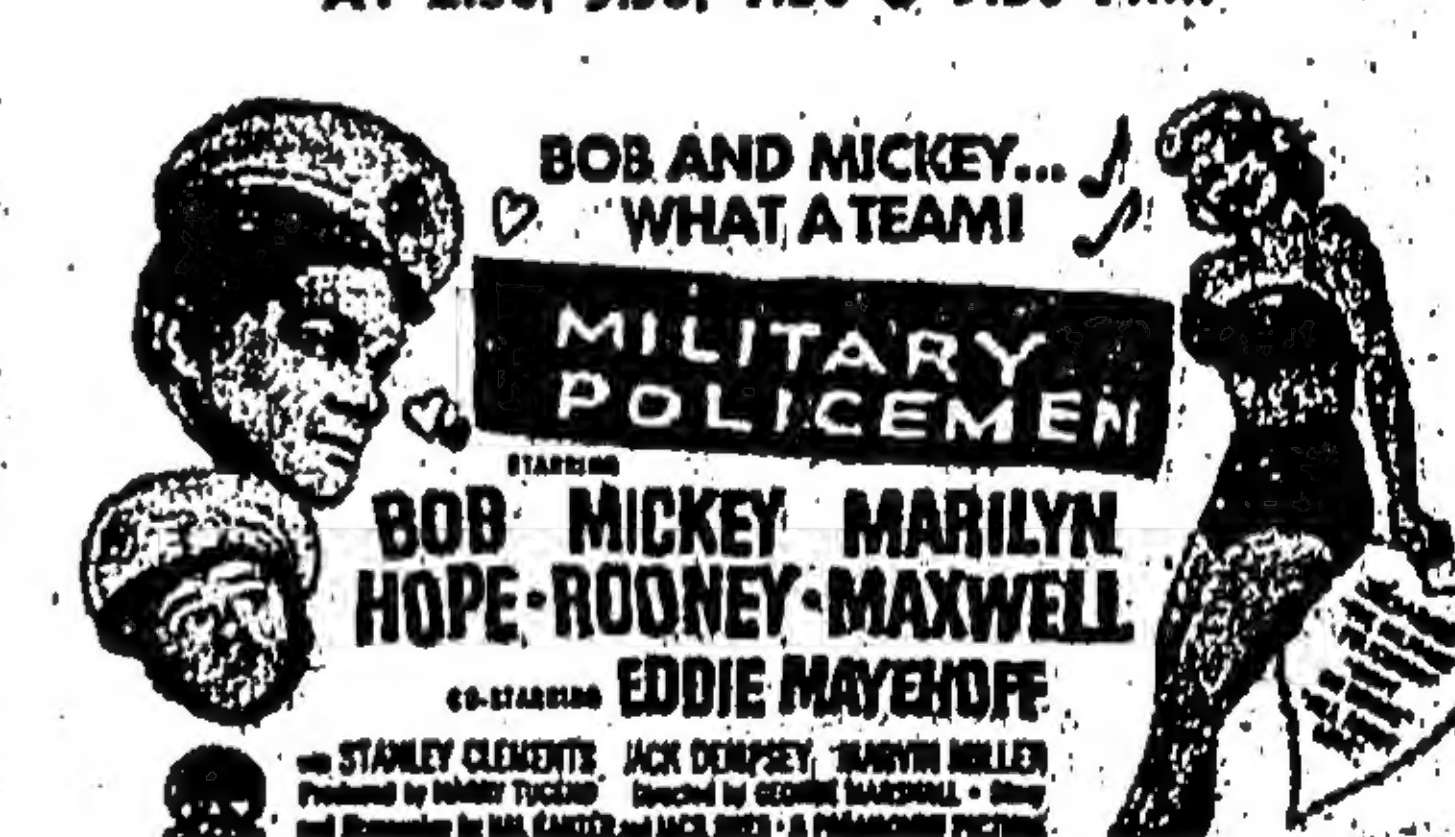


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IKE TO TELL DEMOCRATS OF HIS PLANS

Augusta, Dec. 28.

President Eisenhower, seeking bipartisan unity for foreign affairs and national defence, will tell the Democratic Congressional leaders a preview of his State of the Union message on January 6, it was announced here tonight.

The Presidential Press Secretary, Mr James C. Hagerty, added that leading Republican Congressmen would also attend the Washington conference two days before the President delivers the message to Congress in person.

Earlier this month, the President conferred for three days at the White House with Republican leaders. They held preliminary discussions on the Administration's 1954 legislative programme.

At that time some Democrats in Congress complained that President Eisenhower was seeking co-operation of the Democrats in putting through his programme, but apparently was unwilling to take them into his confidence in advance.

In reply to questions today, Mr Hagerty said the decision to give the Democrats a preview of the State of the Union message had nothing to do with such criticism.

While the President would discuss the State of the Union message generally with the Congressmen, the emphasis would be on the foreign affairs and national defence aspects of the documents.—Reuter.

1,600-Year-Old Grave Found In E. Germany

Berlin, Dec. 28.

East German workers digging a trench for a water pipeline near Seemenda, Thuringia, discovered a Teuton grave estimated to be 1,600 years old.

The East German news agency A. D. N. said four complete skeletons, which could be identified as two women and two children, were found. Parts of a fifth skeleton could be identified.

Many bronze pins and brooches as well as glass pearls and amberware were also found in the grave.—China Mail Special.

Holiday Deaths In U.S.A.

New York, Dec. 28.

A total of 711 persons lost their lives in the United States over the Christmas week-end, it was reported here today.

During the 78-hour period, 519 persons were killed in traffic accidents, 81 in fires and 111 in accidents of other kinds.—France-Press.

Rome, Dec. 28.

The Italian Premier, Signor Giuseppe Fanfani, and the Soviet Ambassador, Mr. A. L. Kuchin, today discussed the repatriation of 34 Italian citizens to be released from Soviet prisons following the recent Soviet amnesty, it was officially announced here tonight.

Twenty-eight Italian soldiers and six civilians who had been sentenced to imprisonment by Soviet courts will be repatriated under the amnesty.—France-Press.

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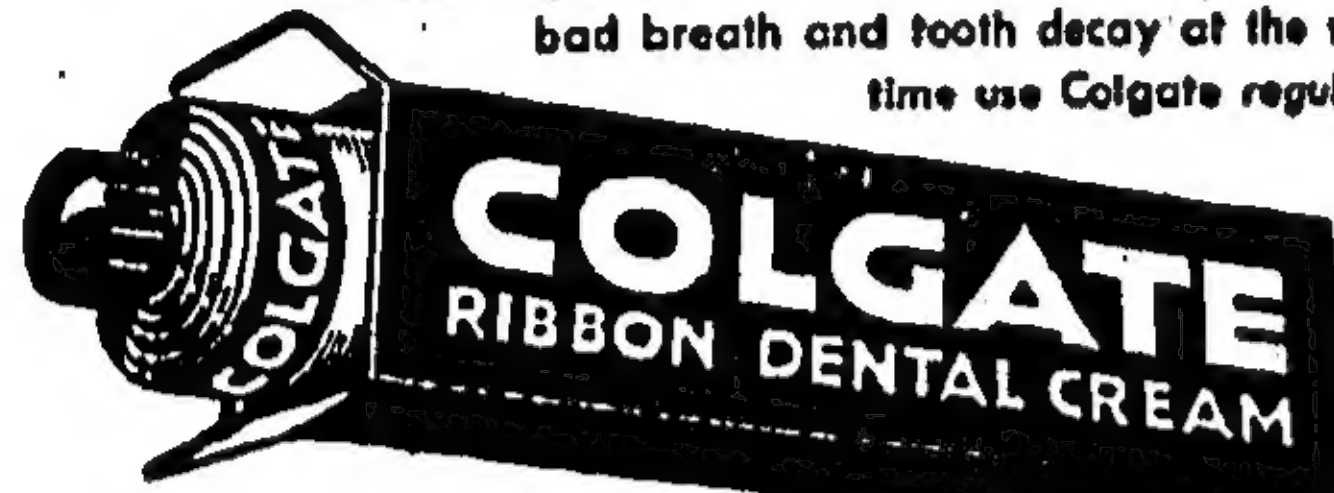


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COLOUR BAR FLARE-UP

By YORKE HENDERSON

A QUESTION in the House of Commons has sparked off once again the whole business of the colour bar and London hotels.

Newspapers here have front-paged the story.

The chairman of one West End hotel—named by a Labour questioner in the Commons—has been moved to state that his establishment puts up the colour bar in deference to the wishes of its regular clientele.

And the Minister of Food has had to admit that—much as he deplores racial discrimination—the common law of Britain does not allow him to take sanctions against the operators of colour-bar hotels and restaurants by withdrawing their catering licences.

Rather A Pity

The whole affair bore all the hallmarks of similar periodic flare-ups in the past; an incident or series of incidents—this time the colour bar stories that followed the Queen's visit to Bermuda—providing the spark; followed by the chain reaction of letters to the press, newspaper leaders, pious and practical, and a question in the House.

It looked, too, as if the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Oliver Lyttelton, was playing right into the hands of the "crusaders" when he admitted that the colour bar had to stay in certain Bermuda hotels because of the dollar tourist trade.

But it's rather a pity that Mr. Lyttelton could not intervene when his colleague, the Food Minister, was asked whether he could take action against colour bar establishments.

If he had, he could have told the critics that his Ministry wages a constant war against colour-conscious hotel-keepers.

He could have explained, perhaps, that every time an instance of colour discrimination—so far as accommodation—booking is concerned—is brought to the notice of the appropriate officials in the Colonial Office, action follows, swift and stern.

Wooden Sword?

Like the Food Minister, the Colonial Office can take no legal action. But it can express its formal disapproval and protest against the discrimination.

Maybe that sounds like waving a wooden sword. It is not.

The Colonial Office provides a lot of custom for the better hotels in central London. Most times colonial delegations arrive in Britain—and in recent months the traffic in this direction has been heavy—the accommodation booking is left to the Colonial Office.

So it is easy to see that if any hotel earns the disapproval of the Ministry it stands to lose much valuable custom; especially as many Colonial Office guests

are big enough names to constitute a good advertisement on any hotel's register.

Now does the Colonial Office take action only when the glare of publicity is turned on a particular incident? The campaign to break down the colour bar goes on all the time.

It is effective, too. For some hotels, which in the past were rigorous colour-bar operators, have quietly but drastically changed their tune.

Strong pockets of resistance, nevertheless, continue to cling to their whites-only policy. The excuse they make is that the hotel mentioned in Parliament is that they are bowing to the wishes of regular clients.

The final solution, therefore, lies—as the Minister of Food suggested in the Commons—with public opinion. Only when the public who keep hotels in business make it plain that race discrimination is odious to them will the walls of the last remaining colour-bar strongholds crumble.



"Ah, messieurs, it would have been so much simpler if you'd been asked to vote for HER instead of THEM."

London Express Service

Chapter 37 of Sir Winston Churchill's "Triumph And Tragedy"

THE ATOMIC BOMB AND JAPAN'S COLLAPSE

On July 17, 1945, during the Potsdam Conference, the Prime Minister was shown by the U.S. War Secretary, Mr. Stimson, a message which read "Babies satisfactorily born." This meant that the atomic bomb trial in the Mexican desert had succeeded. The next day the Prime Minister was given a full report.

THE President invited me to confer with him forthwith. He had with him Gen. Marshall and Admiral Leahy. Up to this moment we had shaped our ideas towards an assault upon the homeland of Japan by terrific air bombing and by the invasion of very large armies.

We had contemplated the desperate resistance of the Japanese fighting to the death with Samurai devotion, not only in pitch battles, but in every cave and dug-out. I had in my mind the spectacle of Okinawa island, where many thousands of Japanese, rather than surrender, had drawn up in line and destroyed themselves by hand grenades after their leaders had solemnly performed the rite of hara-kiri.

To quell the Japanese resistance man by man and conquer the country yard by yard might well require the loss of one million American lives and half that number of British—or more if we could get them there; for we were resolved to share the agony. Now all this nightmare picture had vanished. In its place was the vision—fair and bright indeed it seemed—of the end of the whole war in one or two violent shocks.

I thought immediately myself of how the Japanese people, whose courage I had always admired, might find in the apparition of this almost supernatural weapon an excuse which would save their honour and release them from their obligation of being killed to the last fighting man.

Moreover, we should not need the Russian. The end of the Japanese war no longer depended upon the progress of their armies for the East, and perhaps protected slaughter. We had no need to ask favours of them. A few days later I informed Mr. Stimson of a visit I had made to the United States and of the impression I had formed that the Japanese would accept the terms of the Potsdam Declaration.

The array of European problems could therefore be faced on their merits and according to the broad principles of the United Nations. We seemed suddenly to have become possessed of a merciful abridgement of the slaughter in the East and of a far happier prospect in Europe. I have no doubt that these thoughts were present in the minds of my American friends. At any rate, there never was a moment's discussion as to whether the atomic bomb should be used or not.

To avert a vast, indefinite butchery, to bring the war to an end, to give peace to the world, to lay healing hands upon its tortured peoples by a manifestation of overwhelming power at the cost of a few explosives, seemed, after all our foils and perils, a miracle of deliverance.

BRITISH consent in principle to the use of the weapon had been given on July 4, before the test had taken place. The final decision now lay in the main with President Truman, who had the weapon; but I never doubted what it would be, nor have I ever doubted since that he was right.

The historic fact remains, and must be judged in the after-time, that the decision whether or not to use the atomic bomb to compel the surrender of Japan was never even an issue. There was unanimous, automatic, unquestioned agreement around our table; nor did I ever hear the slightest suggestion that we should do otherwise.

It appeared that the American Air Force had prepared an immense assault by ordinary air-bombing on Japanese cities and harbours. These could certainly have been destroyed in a few weeks or a few months, and go on could say with what very heavy loss of life to the civilian population. But now, by using this new agency, we might not merely destroy cities, but save the lives alike of friend and foe.

A MORE intricate question was what to tell Stalin. The President and I no longer felt that we needed his aid to conquer Japan. His word had been given at Teheran and Yalta that Soviet Russia would attack Japan as soon as the German Army was defeated, and in fulfilment of this a continuous movement of Russian troops to the Far East had been in progress since the beginning of May. In our opinion they were not likely to be needed, and Stalin's bargaining power, which he had used with such effect upon the Americans at Yalta, was therefore gone. Still, he had been a magnificent ally in the war against Hitler, and we both felt that he must be informed of the great New Fact which now dominated the scene, but not of any specifics.

after one of our meetings that we have an entirely novel form of bomb, something quite out of the ordinary, which we think will have decisive effects upon the Japanese will to continue the war." I agreed to this procedure. The following is a note which I made for the Cabinet at the time:

18 July, 45. The President showed me telegrams about the recent experiment, and asked what I thought should be done about telling the Russians. He seemed determined to do this, but asked about the timing, and said he thought that the end of the Conference would be best.

I replied that if he were resolved to tell it might well be better to hang it on the experiment, which was a new fact on which he and we had only just had knowledge. Therefore he would have a good answer to any question. "Why did you not tell us this before?" He seemed impressed with this idea, and will consider it.

On behalf of His Majesty's Government I did not resist his proposed disclosure of the simple fact that we have this weapon. He reiterated his resolve at all costs to refuse to divulge any particulars.

MEANWHILE the devastating attack on Japan had continued from the air and the sea. Among the principal targets were the remnants of the Japanese Fleet, now dispersed for shelter in the inland sea. One by one the big ships were picked out, and by the end of July the Japanese Navy had virtually ceased to exist.

The homeland was in chaos and on the verge of collapse. The professional diplomats were convinced that only immediate surrender under the authority of the Emperor could save Japan from complete disintegration, but power lay almost entirely in the hands of a military clique determined to commit the nation to mass suicide rather than accept defeat. The appalling destruction confronting them made no impression on this canonical hierarchy, who continued to profess belief in some miracle which would turn the scale in their favour.

In several lengthy talks with the President, alone, or with his advisers present, I discussed what to do. Earlier in the week Stalin had told me privately that as his party was leaving Moscow an unaddressed message had been delivered to him through the Japanese Embassy. It was presumably meant for either himself or President Kalinin, or other members of the Soviet Government, and was from the Japanese Emperor. It stated that Japan could not accept "unconditional" surrender, but might be prepared to compromise on other terms. Stalin had replied that as the message contained no definite proposals the Soviet Government could not take any action on it. He had then said that he would discuss the matter with the President.

In the same way I thought we should obtain from any ally, thing which would make us seem at all reluctant to go on with the war against Japan, for as long as the United States thought fit. However, I dwell upon the tremendous cost in American and to a smaller extent in British life if we enforced "unconditional" surrender upon the Japanese.

IT was for him to consider whether this might not be expressed in some other way, so that we got all the essentials for future peace, and security, and yet left them some show of saving their military honour and some assurance of their national existence, after they had complied with all safeguards necessary for the conqueror. The President replied bluntly that he did not think the Japanese had any military honour after Pearl Harbor.

I contented myself with saying that at any rate they had something for which they were ready to face certain death in very large numbers, and this might not be so important to us as it was to them. He then became quite sympathetic, and spoke, as had Mr. Stimson, of the terrible responsibilities that rested upon him for the unlimited effusion of American blood.

I felt there would be no rigid insistence upon "unconditional" surrender, apart from what was necessary for world peace and future security and for the punishment of a guilty and treacherous deed. Mr. Stimson, Gen. Marshall, and the President were evidently searching their hearts, and we had no need to press them. We knew of course that the Japanese were ready to give up all conquests made in the war.

Eventually it was decided to end an ultimatum calling for an immediate unconditional surrender of the armed forces of Japan. This document was published on July 26.

THESE terms were rejected by the military rulers of Japan, and the United States Air Force made its plan accordingly to cast one atomic bomb on Hiroshima and one on Nagasaki. We agreed to give every chance to the inhabitants. The procedure was developed in detail. In order to minimise the loss of life 11 Japanese cities were warned by leaflets on July 27 that they would be subjected to intensive air bombardment. Next day six of them were attacked.

Twelve more were warned on July 31, and four were bombed on Aug. 1. The last warning was given on Aug. 5. By then the Superfortresses claimed to have dropped 1½ million leaflets every day and three million copies of the ultimatum. The first atomic bomb was cast on Aug. 6, and the second on Aug. 9. The closing scenes of the war against Japan took place after I left office, and I record them only briefly. On Aug. 9, the Japanese Emperor, Hirohito, broadcast a message to the Japanese people, in which he announced that he had accepted the terms of the ultimatum. The Japanese Government agreed to the terms of the ultimatum, and the war ended.

accept the ultimatum, provided this did not prejudice the prerogative of the Emperor as a sovereign ruler.

The Allied Governments, including France, replied that the Emperor would be subject to the Supreme Command of the Allied Powers, that he should authorize and ensure the signature of the surrender, and that the armed forces of the Allies would remain in Japan until the purposes set forth at Potsdam had been achieved. These terms were accepted on Aug. 14, and Mr. Attlee broadcast the news at midnight.

The Allied fleets entered Tokyo Bay, and on the morning of Sept. 2 the formal instrument of surrender was signed on board the United States battleship Missouri. Russia had declared war on Aug. 8, only a week before the enemy's collapse. None the less she claimed her full rights as a belligerent.

We could brook no delay in enforcing the capitulation. Malaya, Hongkong, and the greater part of the Dutch East Indies still remained in enemy hands, and elsewhere there were isolated forces who might ignore the Emperor's command and fight on. The occupation of these vast territories was thus a matter of urgency.

After his Burma campaign Mountbatten had been preparing to liberate Malaya, and everything was in train for a landing near Port Swettenham. This took place on Sept. 9. Other ports were occupied early in September, without fighting, and on Sept. 12 Mountbatten held a surrender ceremony at Singapore.

A British officer, Admiral Harcourt, reached Hongkong on Aug. 30, and accepted the formal surrender of the island on Sept. 10.

THERE were some in America who believed that Japan's downfall could have been achieved more economically by a greater use of air power from bases in China and possibly Siberia. They maintained that her sea communications could have been severed, and her power of resistance in the home-land destroyed just as effectively by air action alone, without in long and costly approach by sea to a hostile invasion.

The more advanced exponents of air power maintained that political objectives elsewhere, in Burma, Malaya, and the East Indies might have been renounced for the time being and could have been achieved without fighting once the air battle had been won. The American Chiefs of Staff had rejected these ideas.

It would be a mistake to suppose that the fate of Japan was settled by the atomic bomb. Her defeat was certain before the first bomb fell, and was brought about by overwhelming wartime power. This alone had made it possible to raise ocean bases from which to launch the final attack and force her military and naval forces to capitulate without striking a blow.

(Continued Tomorrow)

Colonel UP and Mr. DOWN... by Walter



BY THE WAY... by Beachcomber

THE Fuel Minister's directions as to what kind of coal Londoners should burn when there is a wind blowing need to be elaborated.

If the wind is north-easterly, a judicious mixture of anthracite, bituminous, and coal dust is recommended. If the wind is from the west, a mixture of anthracite and coal dust is recommended. If the wind is from the south, a mixture of anthracite and coal dust is recommended.

What smart Indians are wearing

Strabismus and Grisham, the last sleeping hippopotamus, they caught their first one in a net, as they were nearly out of it in a moment. Before them on the bank was a tall Indian in a red jacket and a brown turban. He was holding a long stick in his hand. He was looking at the hippopotamus. He was looking at the hippopotamus. He was looking at the hippopotamus.

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

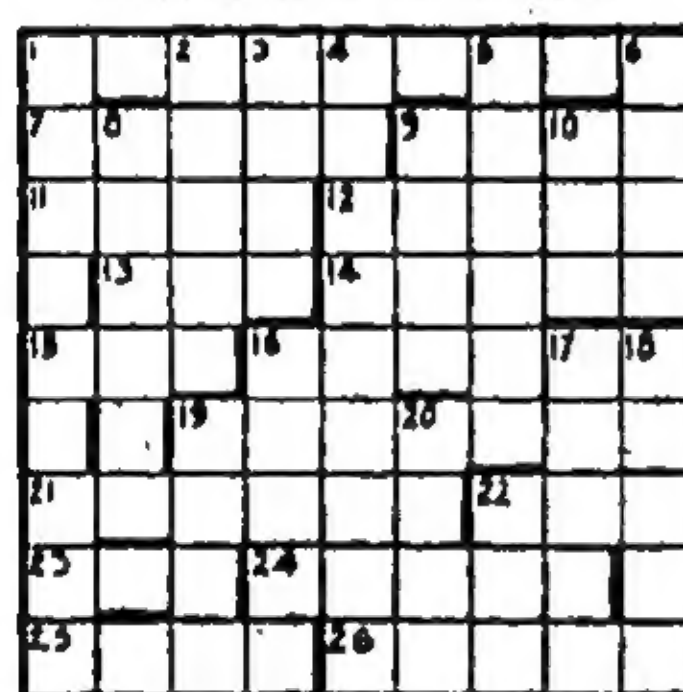
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29

BORN today, there is more than a little of the (a) in your makeup. One you cannot deny, it is a certain project, you add to it, as matter what happens. You seem to have a great store of ideas, and you are not afraid to use them. You are not afraid to use them. You are not afraid to use them.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Get ready for your birthday party. The day is yours. You can do as you please. You can do as you please. You can do as you please.

CROSSWORD



- Across
- Best toper (mag.) (4)
 - Volunteer (10)
 - A hundred up in the North (4)
 - Aide does, twice a day (4)
 - There's a song about this (4)
 - Auctioneer's division (3)
 - Simple for a shirt (4)
 - Post of London Authority with a seal in charge (7)
 - The animal's A, but with goat in the middle (6)
 - Two stars for a terrorist (8)
 - Just this was a soldier once (4)
 - One from what Shaw called your dental dashboard (5)
 - First name (4)
 - Honoured title in any corps (5)

- Down
- It's still weather for these (6)
 - Three room at under (4)
 - Remainder for snooker (4)
 - No need to work hard getting to the top of (4)
 - Goes with tails and white tie (4)
 - Low points of land used for cooking (4)
 - Two people are equal (4)
 - Blacklock Holmes opened nearly a one (4)
 - Force without afterthought (5)
 - He goes with wear one (5)
 - Quile otherwise and take a row boat (4)
 - One of millions all around you (4)
 - Off down on the farm (4)
 - Plus fraud (4)

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Bad Bidding Shows At Bridge Tourney

By OSWALD JACOBY

LET me make it clear to begin with, that I don't think highly of the way the bidding went in the hand shown today. North shouldn't have opened the bidding and shouldn't have bid a new suit at his second turn.

But I don't blame South for getting himself into six no-trump. The hand was being played in a pair tournament (specifically, the Master Pair Championship, held in St. Louis) and North's strong bidding made it appear that nothing less than six no-trump would earn a good score.

Why West chose to open the kind of clubs will probably remain a mystery forever. Such a lead was almost sure to cost a trick, and West had a very safe lead in the form of the ten of spades. The only explanation I can think of is that West decided that silly bidding deserved an equally silly opening lead.

At this point the monkey business ended and good bridge began. The South player happened to be Sonny Moyse, editor of the Bridge World, who

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SPOTLIGHTING THE THREE-YEAR-OLDS OF 1954

Conception Is Expected To Show A Big Improvement

By JAMES PARK

The mare Faerie Lore has produced some fine stock. Among others, she is the dam of Pretence, Ballet, Mountain King and Arabian Night—all well-grown animals of excellent substance.

Mountain King is the best and, while he did not quite scale the heights as a three-year-old, he might have been third in the St Leger but for losing ground at the start. He was recently sold to go abroad.

His younger half-brother, Arabian Night, has much to commend him in appearance, but it was a little disappointing

to find him wearing bandages on his forelegs when running at Ascot in October.

It may have been something in that connection which kept him in the background from June. He was then second to Hydrologist at the Royal Ascot meeting, and, as in his earlier races, he was putting in his best work towards the end.

SOME ABILITY

Arabian Night did manage to win a race at Hurst Park but always gave the impression that he would not gain strength proportionate to his generous frame until his second season.

On what the colt has accomplished he is no better than a second-rater, but his mark of 8st. 5lb. in the Free Handicap is of some ability. I shall not be surprised if he makes more than normal progress between the ages of two and three, and a mile and a half should be well within his compass.

Garde Royale is rated the equal of Arabian Night and here again we have one who might leave two-year-old running behind in his second season. Garde Royale is a son of Royal Charger, whom Jack Jarvis also trained. They are not the same type, though each is a chestnut.

Garde Royale is taller and stands over more ground than did his sire.

We are apt to think of Royal Charger as one of the speedy types. Yet it took him some time to develop. In fact, he did not win as a two-year-old and it was two seasons later that he gave his best performances. Garde Royale is one up on his sire in that the former lost the maiden certificate as a two-year-old. He did not have a lot to do that day.

WANTS TIME

Whenever the colt met good class rivals he could not get the pace in the early stages. He wants time to find the full length of his stride. That usually comes into their own when racing over journeys which do not call for a display of initial speed.

When at full stretch Garde Royale covers a tremendous amount of ground, but does not seem to be able to quicken in his stride. He should finish into a grand big three-year-old, and race at a mile or over will give him the scope he requires. I have always thought he will make a relatively better three-year-old.

That can be said with equal emphasis of Conception. This colt raced only three times and there was much to like about the way he did his work when winning at Ascot in September.

He was not called upon that day until after passing the half-way mark. The smooth manner in which he went into the lead created a good impression.

Conception then failed by a short head to give 7lb. to Coronation Year, who has to concede 5lb. in the Free Handicap. That was because Coronation Year evinced much improvement when running third in the Middle Park Stakes.

I have already told of my misgivings about the running of that race. The handicapper accepted the Ascot running of Conception and that was a reasonable thing to do.

REWARD

Mr Willie Saltnoff may regret that Conception is not in any of the classic races as he likes to have a tilt at the best. There will be other opportunities for the colt and the future is likely to show that the patient policy adopted will reap its reward.

Conception was little more than a racehorse in the making when he finished for the season. He may well turn out to be the best to carry the owner's colours to date.

There should be no doubt about Conception staying a mile and a half.

—(London Express Service)

Ninth Wicket Stand Says Queensland

Adelaide, Dec. 28.

A ninth wicket partnership of 112 between Vic Raymer and Peter Burge, a young batsman, saved Queensland from following on against South Australia on the third day of their Sheffield Shield game to-day.

Raymer hit hard for 84 and Burge made 64.

Queensland, carrying their Saturday total of 122 for six to 302, finished 100 runs behind South Australia's score of 414.

After losing four second innings wickets cheaply, South Australia were 174 for four at the close, when they were 280 runs ahead. The match ends to-morrow.

Raymer followed his blight hitting with a one-off of left-arm slow-medium bowling which gave him the first four South Australian innings wickets for 100 runs.

Two batsmen, Kenneth Hogg and Geoffrey Hogg, who were second and third in the first innings, fell to a brilliant slip catch for 21 and 10 runs.

FOR THE FIRST TIME—HUNGARY'S SECRETS

England Can Win The Return If...

By HAROLD MAYES

"If I could take the England players for three days a week from now until next May, train them in the pure, fresh air away from the smoky cities, and let them put the strategic theories into practice until they could go through the same movements almost blindfold, there is no doubt that they would beat the Hungarians in Budapest."

Who said that? One of the England selectors currently engaged trying to find a cure for Hungarian hangerover? An optimistic Football League club director, one of the band who will not admit there's anything wrong with English football?

No, the man who made that calculated statement is a Hungarian, one who, but for the fact that he is a political fugitive from behind the Iron Curtain, would almost certainly have been one of the performers in the Wembley humbling of England's Soccer might last month. Janos Kedes, 20-year-old inside forward—"I can play in any position on the right side of the field, just as most of the Hungarian national team can do"—began his soccer education some 20 years ago when he and the one and only Ferenc Puskas went to school together.

He played in top-grade Soccer, getting exactly the same training and coaching from "old man Puskas" as he gave to his son, the man so many people rate as the world's greatest inside-forward today.

When the current all-conquering team was being assembled, with outstanding performers from all the clubs around Budapest getting the take-it-or-leave-it call to join Honved, "the Home Guard" team which forms the nucleus of the national side, Janos confidently expected that he would be one of the chosen.

All too soon he found the reason he had been left out. As a former member of the Hungarian paratroops he formed the opinion that not only was his football nature at home likely to be anything but cozy, but that his life might be in danger.

In the five years which followed he worked as a labourer in a brickworks in Austria, as an electrician in South Wales, and has more recently been employed as a labourer in a Lancashire mill.

IT HAD ALL BEEN PLANNED

Not unnaturally, he saw the Wembley game. He saw all the schemes he had helped to formulate in Budapest Soccer classrooms put into brilliant execution to give the Olympic Champions a resounding victory over England.

Now he has been telling me the secrets of the Soccer conquerors of Europe, secrets which at least one First Division club's manager has said he would willingly take a trip eastwards to obtain.

"Stun Culls, of Wolverhampton, I read, has said he would like to go to Hungary to gain knowledge of Hungarian training methods at first hand," Janos said. "That is something I would not advise. It is possible, even in football, for people to see too many things and ask too many questions, and it isn't always healthy."

"But if the Soccer-minded people of England really want to know how the Hungarian

success has been achieved, I can tell them. Make no mistake, this is not something which has happened by accident.

"All of the players have been together these five years, but for long before that their training followed exactly the same pattern as it does today. I know because I took part in it."

"If England wants to succeed against Hungary, the same kind of plan has to be adopted. In your article after the Wembley match, when you suggested that England must go at least three sides together and let them play together to build for the future, you were nearer the mark than anyone else there, because that is precisely the Hungarian pattern."

"This may be a wonder team. Five years from now it will be retrained, but that will not be the end of Hungarian supremacy unless other countries adopt methods at least as well founded. For there's another team coming up behind the present one, all ready to take its place, and still another one behind that."

THEY LIKE IT

"They play football because they like playing football. Forget the stories about compulsion in their training, because there is no compulsion. They do it because they like doing it, and they certainly do not do it for money."

"True, many of them owe their jobs to their playing ability, and many of them just report for their work as a formality and spend the whole of their days in training, but they do it because they like it, and they certainly do not do it for money."

"Take Puskas. He is in the army. He shows up in the morning, salutes, signs a few papers, and then goes off to work at football. Don't let anyone fool you about Puskas. He is more than just a cog in the machine."

"Forget the trainers and coaches you hear about. Puskas is trainer, coach, manager, and player as well, and everything he does on the field is part of the drill his father put into him, and to me, when we were kids."

"You will have noticed that the Hungarian team had terrific stamina. That is because all the preparation is directed towards improving the lungs and the legs. All the footballers in Hungary, not just those at the top, do all sorts of exercises to increase the capacity of their lungs, including lifting heavy weights with their chests."

"In England I'm told that many trainers frown on swimming because it is supposed to slow down an athlete. All the Hungarian swim regularly playing a game devised by Puskas, senior, of hide-and-seek in the water, to give them more lung power."

"And they all begin the day voluntarily, with a country run of at least two miles. If they have to work, they promise to run to their place of business, in their ordinary clothes, and then they make a cold shower immediately they arrive. Then they have their breakfast before they start to work."

"The government has encouraged everyone to be sport-minded. Managers of works allow their men who wish to train to leave their benches two hours early, without loss of wages, so that they can turn their attention to sport. They don't lose money by doing so, for the prizes are high. An Olympic success, such as Nemeth gained in the Hammer Throw at the Wembley Olympics in 1948, can bring the firm for which a man works a five-year government contract."

ONCE THEY LAUGHED—NOT NOW

"And in those training hours, they really get down to business. Often for half-an-hour every man goes out with a ball. Not always a football, but often a tennis ball, because if you can make that do your bidding you can do it with anything."

"I have seen Puskas stand for hours, trying to balance a football on his knee. Sometimes people have laughed. But now he can pull a ball down that way without any difficulty, and he can do it with anything."

"Englishmen, half-way to losing the Wembley game because of your players' lack of stamina, don't you think you should try to do it? I have seen Puskas stand for hours, trying to balance a football on his knee. Sometimes people have laughed. But now he can pull a ball down that way without any difficulty, and he can do it with anything."

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World Cup Soccer

Port Au Prince, Haiti, Dec. 28.

Mexico completed a double over Haiti in the World Soccer Cup group qualifying tournament when they won 4-0 here yesterday.

They led 2-0 at half time.

Mexico won the first match 8-0.

The United States, the only other nation in this group, have not yet opened their campaign. Winner of the group will qualify for the final stage of the competition in Switzerland next month.—Reuter.

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More Canadian Ships For U.K. Registry

Ottawa, Dec. 28.

Britain has agreed to permit the transfer of more deep sea Canadian ships to British registry to avoid high operating costs, it was learned here today.

Two ships have been transferred to the British flag under an agreement reached after a Canadian Cabinet decision this month to open negotiations with Britain.

The decision was made after a request by Canadian ship-owners for the removal of government restrictions on the disposal of Canadian vessels, whose operation costs under Canadian registry are among the highest in the world.

The Cabinet refused to lift the restrictions completely, but decided to ask Britain to take some of the ships under British registry, where running costs are much lower.

In 1950, Britain took 82 Canadian ships in this fashion, with ownership remaining in Canada.

The number of ships to be transferred has been decided in the new arrangement.

Informants said the general terms of each transfer would be the same as in the earlier pact.

The profits from British registered operation would return to Canada, and the owners would pay Canadian income tax—Reuter.

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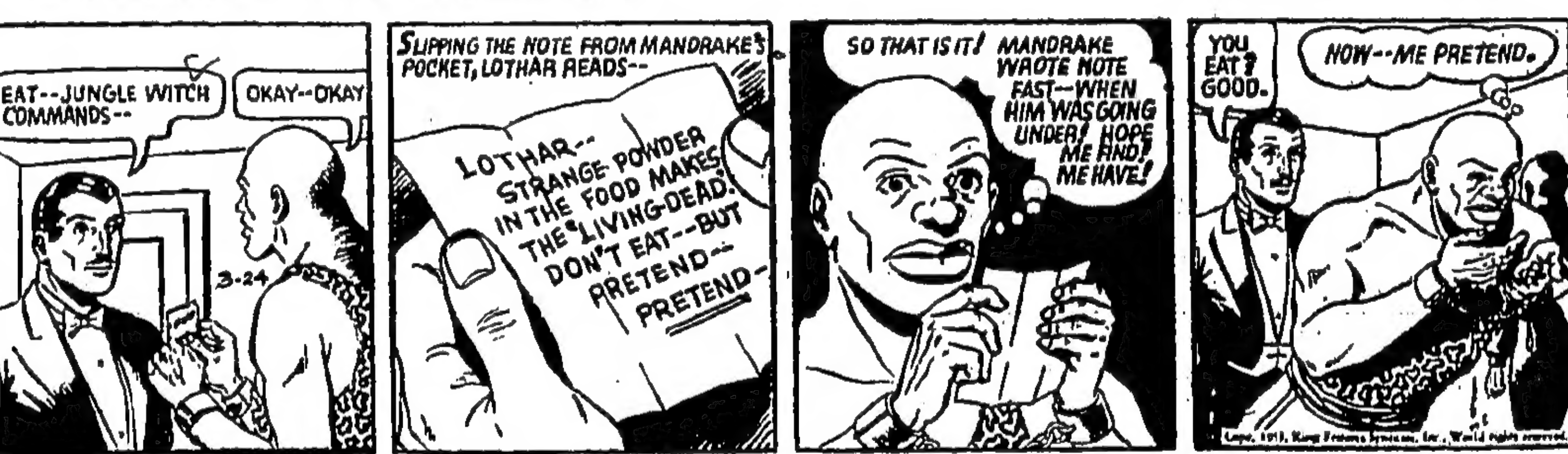
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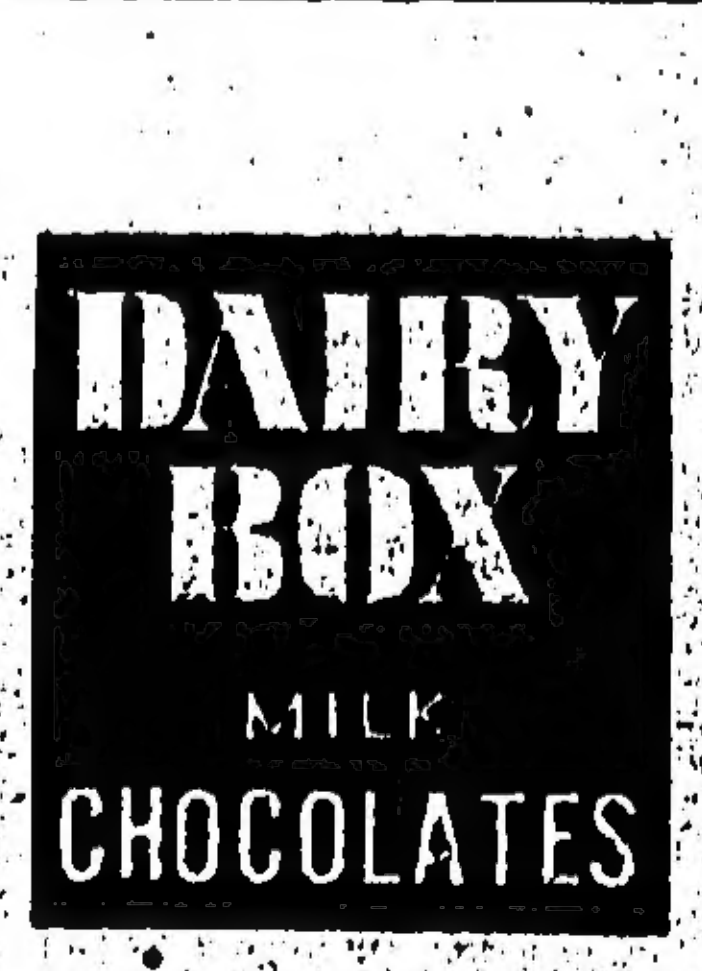
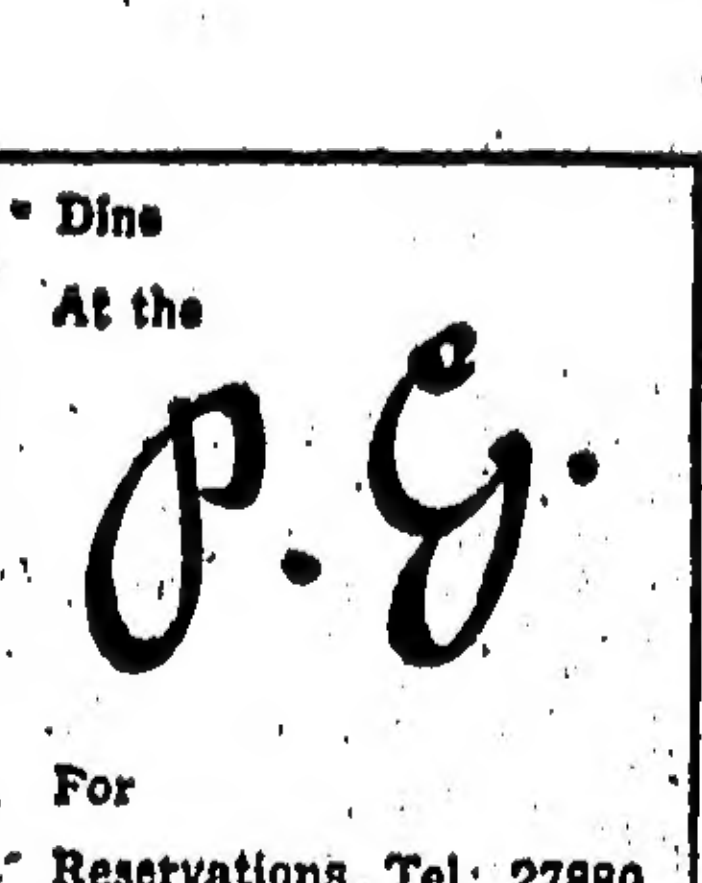
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Arab League Against Jordan-Israel Discussions

Beirut, Dec. 28.

The powerful Arab League's political committee is likely to reject the idea of Jordan-Israel bilateral negotiations to solve their outstanding differences in a manner proposed by the United Nations well-informed sources predicted tonight.

A terse communique issued at the close of the current session of the Arab League's political committee said it had unanimously approved the draft of the reply that Jordan proposed to send the U.N. in answer to the latter's note urging the opening of direct negotiations between Israel and Jordan.

In a brief comment on the communique, the League's secretary-general, Abdel Krimel, Haseouna, said he was sure that the League's decision would be welcomed in all the Arab countries—France-Press.

Trade Unions In Russia To Change Statutes

Moscow, Dec. 28.

Soviet Russia's trade unions will discuss a proposed change in their statutes at the 11th Trade Union Congress scheduled for next May, it was announced here today.

The congress will be held at the Moscow Palace of the Soviets, which has appointed a 25-man committee to draw up the new statutes. The committee will meet in the next few days, it was said.

The new statutes will be submitted to the 11th Trade Union Congress for approval. The congress will be held in Moscow, it was said.

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